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**AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. FLETCHER TO THE  
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 1**

**(Fletcher-Roukema-Wu Amendment)**

Page VBC-3, line 4, insert "(other than subpart 3)"  
after "this part".

Page VBC-28, after line 14, insert the following:

1       **"Subpart 3—Ready to Learn, Ready to Teach**

2       **"SEC. 5231. READY TO LEARN TELEVISION.**

3       **"(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—**

4               **"(1) IN GENERAL.—**The Secretary shall award  
5       grants to or enter into contracts or cooperative  
6       agreements with eligible entities described in para-  
7       graph (3) to—

8               **"(A) develop, produce, and distribute edu-**  
9       cational and instructional video programming  
10      for preschool and elementary school children  
11      and their parents in order to facilitate student  
12      academic achievement;

13              **"(B) facilitate the development (directly or**  
14      through contracts with producers of children  
15      and family educational television programming)  
16      of educational programming for preschool and  
17      elementary school children and accompanying

1 support materials and services that directly pro-  
2 mote the effective use of such programming;

3 “(C) facilitate the development of pro-  
4 gramming and digital content especially de-  
5 signed for nationwide distribution over digital  
6 broadcasting channels and the Internet, con-  
7 taining Ready to Learn-based children’s pro-  
8 gramming and resources for parents and care-  
9 givers;

10 “(D) enable such entities to contract with  
11 other entities (such as public telecommuni-  
12 cations entities) so that programs under this  
13 section are disseminated and distributed by the  
14 most appropriate distribution technologies to  
15 the widest possible audience appropriate to be  
16 served by the programming; and

17 “(E) develop and disseminate training and  
18 support materials, including interactive pro-  
19 grams and programs adaptable to distance  
20 learning technologies which are designed to—

21 “(i) promote school readiness; and

22 “(ii) promote the effective use of program-  
23 ming developed under subparagraphs (B) and  
24 (C) among parents, Head Start providers, Even  
25 Start and providers of family literacy services,

1 child care providers, early childhood develop-  
2 ment personnel, and elementary school teachers,  
3 public libraries, and after school program per-  
4 sonnel caring for preschool and elementary  
5 school children.

6 “(2) AVAILABILITY.—In making grants, con-  
7 tracts, or cooperative agreements under this sub-  
8 section, the Secretary shall ensure that recipients in-  
9 crease the effective use of the programming under  
10 this section by making it widely available with sup-  
11 port materials, as appropriate, to young children,  
12 their parents, child care workers, Head Start pro-  
13 viders, Even Start and providers of family literacy  
14 services.

15 “(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES DESCRIBED.—In this  
16 section, an ‘eligible entity’ means a nonprofit entity  
17 (including a public telecommunications entity) which  
18 is able—

19 “(A) to demonstrate a capacity for the de-  
20 velopment and national distribution of edu-  
21 cational and instructional television program-  
22 ming of high quality which is accessible by a  
23 large majority of disadvantaged preschool and  
24 elementary school children; and

25 “(B) to demonstrate—

1                   “(i) a capacity to contract with the  
2                   producers of children’s television program-  
3                   ming for the purpose of developing edu-  
4                   cational television programming of high  
5                   quality which is accessible by a large ma-  
6                   jority of disadvantaged preschool and ele-  
7                   mentary school children, and

8                   “(ii) consistent with the entity’s mis-  
9                   sion and nonprofit nature, a capacity to  
10                  negotiate such contracts in a manner  
11                  which returns to the entity an appropriate  
12                  share of any ancillary income from sales of  
13                  any program-related products.

14               “(4) CAP ON ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—An en-  
15               tity receiving a grant, contract, or cooperative agree-  
16               ment from the Secretary under this subsection may  
17               not use more than 5 percent of the amounts received  
18               under the grant, contract, or cooperative agreement

1                   “(A) maximize the utilization by preschool  
2                   and elementary school children of the program-  
3                   ming under this section and to make such pro-  
4                   gramming widely available to federally funded  
5                   programs serving such populations; and

6                   “(B) coordinate with Federal programs  
7                   that have major training components for early  
8                   childhood development (including Head Start,  
9                   Even Start, family literacy services, and State  
10                  training activities funded under the Child Care  
11                  Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42  
12                  U.S.C. 9858 et seq.)) regarding the availability  
13                  and utilization of materials developed with  
14                  funds provided under this section to enhance  
15                  parent and child care provider skills in early  
16                  childhood development and education.

17               “(b) APPLICATIONS.—Any entity desiring a grant,  
18               contract, or cooperative agreement under subsection (a)  
19               shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time,  
20               in such manner, and accompanied by such information as  
21               the Secretary may reasonably require.

22               “(c) REPORT AND EVALUATION.—

23                   “(1) ANNUAL REPORT BY GRANT RECIPIENTS  
24                   TO SECRETARY.—Each entity receiving funds under  
25                   this section shall prepare and submit to the Sec-

1       retary an annual report which contains such infor-  
2       mation as the Secretary may require. At a min-  
3       imum, the report shall describe the program activi-  
4       ties undertaken with funds received under this sec-  
5       tion, including information regarding—

6               “(A) the programming that has been devel-  
7       oped directly or indirectly by the entity and the  
8       target population of the programs developed;

9               “(B) the support and training materials  
10      that have been developed to accompany the pro-  
11      gramming and the method by which such mate-  
12      rials are distributed to consumers and users of  
13      the programming;

14              “(C) the means by which the programming  
15      has been distributed, including the distance  
16      learning technologies that have been utilized to  
17      make programming available and the geo-  
18      graphic distribution achieved through such  
19      technologies; and

20              “(D) the initiatives undertaken by the enti-

1           “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary  
2           shall prepare and submit to the relevant committees  
3           of Congress a biannual report on the activities fund-  
4           ed and carried out under this section, and shall in-  
5           clude in the report—

6                   “(A) a summary of the programming de-  
7                   veloped using funds provided under this section;  
8                   and

9                   “(B) a description of the training mate-  
10                  rials developed using funds provided under this  
11                  section, the manner in which outreach has been  
12                  conducted to inform parents and child care pro-  
13                  viders of the availability of such materials, and  
14                  the manner in which such materials have been  
15                  distributed.

16           “(d) FUNDING RULE.—Not less than 60 percent of  
17           the amounts authorized to be appropriated under section  
18           5233 for any fiscal year shall be used to carry out sub-  
19           paragraphs (B) and (C) of subsection (a)(1).

20   **“SEC. 5232. TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM.**

21           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may carry out  
22           any of the following activities:

23                   “(1) Awarding grants to a nonprofit tele-  
24                   communications entity (or a partnership of such en-  
25                   tities) for the purpose of carrying out a national

1 telecommunications-based program to improve the  
2 teaching of core academic subjects and to assist ele-  
3 mentary and secondary school teachers in preparing  
4 all students to achieve State content standards.

5 “(2) Awarding grants to or entering into con-  
6 tracts or cooperative agreements with a local public  
7 telecommunications entity to develop, produce, and  
8 distribute educational and instructional video pro-  
9 gramming which is designed for use by elementary  
10 and secondary school students, created for or adapt-  
11 able to State content standards, and capable of dis-  
12 tribution through digital broadcasting and school  
13 digital networks.

14 “(b) APPLICATIONS.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any telecommunications  
16 entity or partnership of such entities desiring a  
17 grant under this section shall submit an application  
18 to the Secretary.

19 “(2) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONAL  
20 TELECOMMUNICATIONS-BASED PROGRAM.—Each ap-  
21 plication for a grant under subsection (a)(1) shall—

22 “(A) demonstrate that the applicant will  
23 use the existing publicly funded telecommuni-  
24 cations infrastructure, the Internet, and school  
25 digital networks (where available) to deliver



1 video, voice, and data in an integrated service  
2 to train teachers in the use of materials and  
3 learning technologies for achieving State con-  
4 tent standards;

5 “(B) assure that the program for which  
6 assistance is sought will be conducted in co-  
7 operation with States as appropriate, local edu-  
8 cational agencies, and State or local nonprofit  
9 public telecommunications entities;

10 “(C) assure that a significant portion of  
11 the benefits available for elementary and sec-  
12 ondary schools from the program for which as-  
13 sistance is sought will be available to schools of  
14 local educational agencies which have a high  
15 percentage of children counted for the purpose  
16 of part A of title I; and

17 “(D) contain such additional assurances as  
18 the Secretary may reasonably require.

19 “(c) APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS; NUMBER OF  
20 DEMONSTRATION SITES.—In approving applications  
21 under this section, the Secretary shall assure that—

22 “(1) the national telecommunications-based pro-  
23 gram under subsection (a)(1) is conducted at ele-  
24 mentary and secondary school sites in at least 15  
25 States; and

1           “(2) grants under subsection (a)(2) are award-  
2           ed on a competitive basis and for a period of 3 years  
3           to entities which—

4           “(A) enter into multiyear collaborative ar-  
5           rangements for content development with State  
6           educational agencies, local educational agencies,  
7           institutions of higher education, businesses, or  
8           other agencies and organizations, and

9           “(B) contribute non-Federal matching  
10          funds (including funds provided for transitions  
11          to digital broadcasting as well as in-kind con-  
12          tributions) to the activities assisted with the  
13          grant in an amount not less than 100 percent  
14          of the amount of the grant.

15 **“SEC. 5233. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16          “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
17          this subpart \$24,500,000 for fiscal year 2002 and such  
18          sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2003  
19          through 2006.

